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SUBJ: BRAZINSKAS HIJACKING AFFAIR SURFACES AGAIN IN THE SOVIET
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1. PRAVDA FOR MAY 17 CARRIES A BRIEF TASS DESPATCH DATE-
LINED WASHINGTON ON THE BRAZINSKAS AFFAIR. (TASS ENGLISH
WIRE ALSO CARRIED THE STORY, AND IT WAS READ ON EVENING TV
NEWS MAY 16.) THE FIRST PARAGRAPH RETELLS THE FACTS OF THE
CASE WHILE IN THE SECOND, TASS ADMITS THAT THE WHITE HOUSE
FINALLY RESPONDED "AFTER PROLONGED PROCRASTINATION" THAT
THE BRAZINSKASES COULD NOT BE GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM
BECAUSE THEY HAD COMMITTED "SERIOUS NON-POLITICAL CRIMES".
THEY COULD BE EXPELLED TO VENEZUELA, NOTES THE DESPATCH.
THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE TASS STORY OBSERVES THAT THE
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SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAD DEMANDED THAT THE BRAZINSKAS FAMILY
BE HANDED OVER TO THEM "WHEREVER THEY MAY BE" BUT THAT THE
WHITE HOUSE WAS NOT PREPARED TO TURN THE CRIMINALS OVER
"IN ORDER THAT THEY MIGHT BE TRIED IN A SOVIET COURT
AND RECEIVE THEIR DESERVED PUNISHMENT."

2. COMMENT. THE TASS DESPATCH TRIES TO GET AS MUCH

MILEAGE AS POSSIBLE OUT OF THE ASSERTION THAT IT TOOK
THE USG A LONG TIME TO RESPOND TO THE LETTER OF THE CREW
OF THE HIJACKED PLANE. THE DESPATCH ALSO CRITICIZES
THE WHITE HOUSE FOR NOT HAVING TURNED THE HIJACKERS OVER
TO THE USSR. ON THE OTHER HAND, TASS AT LEAST DOES ADMIT
THAT THE WHITE HOUSE FINALLY DID ANSWER THE LETTER. IN
ANY CASE, THE HANDLING OF THE STORY LEAVES TASS THE
POSSIBILITY TO RAISE IT AGAIN, PERHAPS AT THE TIME OF
THE NEXT HEARING ON THE POSSIBLE DEPORTATION OF THE
HIJACKERS.
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